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Our First Money

What kind of money did the first **settlers** use?

There were no dollar bills or coins in the early days of our country. What did the settlers use for money?

At first they **copied** the Native Americans and used wampum. Wampum was made of seashells. The shells were broken into pieces with stone tools. The pieces were then rubbed until they were smooth and **shiny**. Dark shells were worth more because there weren't many of them.

Things that were **scarce** and much needed in those days were also used as money. For example, the early settlers used tea, sugar, horses, and **gunpowder** for money.

The text is about ____

True or False

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____

Put the sentences in the correct order.

- _____ Dark shells were worth more.
_____ What did the settlers use for money?
_____ The early settlers used tea, sugar, horses, and gunpowder for money.
_____ At first the settlers copied the Native Americans.

Match the words with their meanings.

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| ___ 1. settlers | a. bright |
| ___ 2. copied | b. people who move to a new land |
| ___ 3. shiny | c. did the same as |
| ___ 4. scarce | d. exploding powder used in guns |
| ___ 5. gunpowder | e. hard to find; not very much of |